

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 603
By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor Bill Glover of Ridgely for his exemplary career in cattle photography.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body honor those people who through their exemplary endeavors are credits to their professions; and

WHEREAS, Bill Glover of Ridgely, Tennessee is one such person; Mr. Glover has excelled in the world of professional cattle photography for many years, with his services in great demand both in this country and overseas; and

WHEREAS, cattle photography has taken Mr. Glover from England to Hawaii and everywhere in between; of his extensive travels, he notes, "I couldn't get the breeders to bring the cows to me, so I had to go to them"; and

WHEREAS, he distinguished himself as the first beef cattle photographer for the very first North American International Livestock Exposition (MAILE) in 1974; and

WHEREAS, a 1939 graduate of the University of Tennessee, Mr. Glover began to experiment with photography in college, and eventually purchased a camera with two roommates; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the very first University of Tennessee Livestock Judging Team that competed in Chicago at the former International Livestock Exposition; and

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WHEREAS, although raised on a cotton farm, Mr. Glover preferred the academic side of agriculture after his graduation from UT; he became an agriculture teacher in Medina and Gibson for three years, where he used his own photographs to aid classroom discussion; and

WHEREAS, after serving bravely in World War II, Mr. Glover continued to use photography to teach but did not engage in his hobby as profession until he was asked to photograph cattle while in attendance at an FFA meeting; and

WHEREAS, his talent was realized soon after that fateful FFA meeting and, after taking over a business from another photographer – his mentor, Guy Smith, he was solicited to photograph livestock at exhibitions at the Kansas City American Royal, Denver, Fort Worth, and the North American International in Louisville (NAILE), which grew from a very small show to one of the largest and most prestigious shows in the world; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Glover has continued to shoot the NAILE show since its 1974 inception; he has indicated that his return to NAILE every year is as much about seeing old friends as it is about photographing some of the world's best championship cattle; and

WHEREAS, He has seen many changes in agriculture and photography and has been amazed at the advancement in the technology of photography; and

WHEREAS, when Mr. Glover began his illustrious career, photographers used balances to mix their chemicals, then came canned chemicals, packaged chemicals and colored film; in spite of the popularity of automatic cameras in the consumer market, he still finds it necessary to use a double lens reflex camera, which provides large negatives and sharp enlargements for his livestock clients; and

WHEREAS, although Mr. Glover has reduced his load from ten livestock shows a year to three, he is still thought of as one of the best in the industry and his services remain in great demand; and

WHEREAS, he is most appreciative of the love and support he receives from his wife, Betty, who has traveled the world with her beloved husband to photograph prize-winning beef cattle; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend Mr. Bill Glover as he approaches his 46th year as a professional cattle photographer; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Mr. Bill Glover of Ridgely upon 46 successful years as a professional cattle photographer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.